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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not allow the big telecom companies to cut off or raise prices on local, competitive phone and internet companies. I have relied on small providers for over 20 years for phone and DSL and if regulations stay the same I will soon have fiber access. Neither of the major telecoms here are planning on providing fiber access. This has competition has definitely kept pricing down and improved internet in less densely populated area. AT&T charges extremely high rates for inter-lata calls which would negatively affect my business. My current carrier does not charge extra for these calls. AT&T and Comcast both have been blocking VOIP providers, now legal with the demise of net neutrality, making choices for phone providers limited. Please don't let this critical infrastructure become a duopoly.

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